

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 657

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Britni Jantha Ratliff, 2002  
Valedictorian of Hendersonville High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Britni Jantha Ratliff is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Hendersonville High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Ratliff has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, she has earned an exemplary 5.018 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, due to her outstanding commitment to academic excellence, Britni Jantha Ratliff has earned numerous honors and awards, including the Spanish II Award of Class, the Geometry Award of Class, and the Honors Pre-Calculus Award of Class; and

WHEREAS, a perennial member of the Honor Roll, Ms. Ratliff has been an invaluable member of her high school's Math Team; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure on the Math Team, Britni Jantha Ratliff participated in the Tennessee Math Teacher's Association Math Contest and earned numerous awards, including First Place in Region for Algebra I; First Place in Region and Fifth Place in Mid-State for Algebra II; Third Place in Region in Geometry; and First Place in Region for Honors Topics; and

WHEREAS, she also participated in the Statewide Math Contest where she placed in the Top 5 in the Fermat I and in the Top 10 in the Fermat II; and

WHEREAS, a proficient and dedicated student, Ms. Ratliff has recorded perfect attendance her entire scholastic career; and

WHEREAS, a multi-talented individual, Britni Jantha Ratliff possesses tremendous athletic ability as she has participated on the high school track team and her church's basketball team; and

WHEREAS, highly respected as a leader among her peers, Ms. Ratliff is active in numerous scholastic organizations, including the National Honor Society, the National Beta Club, the Interact Club, the Spanish Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Teachers of America, Future Farmers of America, Mentorship Program for the Gifted, the Latin Club, the National Spanish Honor Society and the National Latin Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Britni Jantha Ratliff volunteers her time to several community service organizations, including the Veterans Affairs Hospital and the First Baptist Church Nursery; and

WHEREAS, she has been recognized by *Who's Who* for her dedication to scholastic achievement and her commitment to community service all four years of high school; in her Senior year, she was named by her peers as Most Intellectual of the Class of 2002; and

WHEREAS, a young lady of impeccable character, Ms. Ratliff is an integral part of her church, where she participates in numerous programs including the Waterview Apartment Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Britni Jantha Ratliff's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she plans to attend the University of Tennessee on a four-year scholarship awarded for her remarkable mathematical talents; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ratliff's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Robert and Shanda Ratliff, her grandparents, Glynn and Sue Grubbs, Billie D. Ratliff, and the late Gerald Ratliff, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ratliff's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Hendersonville High School Valedictorian, Britni Jantha Ratliff, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.